

**REMARKS**

In this amendment, claims 17-19 have been cancelled and claims 20-24 have been newly added. Claims 1-16 had been previously cancelled. Accordingly, claims 20-24 are now active in this application, of which claim 20 is independent. Applicants respectfully submit that the above amendments do not add new matter to the application and are fully supported by the specification.

In view of the above Amendments and the following Remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and timely withdrawal of the pending objections and rejections for the reasons discussed below.

***Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102***

Claims 17-19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U. S. Patent No. 6,407,786 issued to Yamamoto, *et al.* (“Yamamoto”). Applicants respectfully traverses this rejection for at least the following reasons.

In this response, claims 17-19 have been cancelled and are no longer active in this application. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. §102(e) rejection of claims 17-19.

***Other Matters***

In this response, claims 20-24 have been newly added, which are directed to the exemplary embodiment shown in Fig. 16.

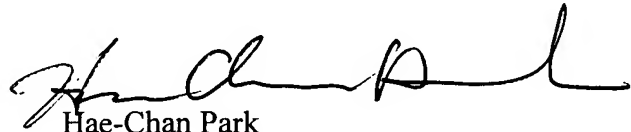
**CONCLUSION**

Applicants believe that a full and complete response has been made to the pending Office Action and respectfully submit that all of the stated objections and grounds for rejection have been overcome or rendered moot. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims are allowable and that the application is in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of this response, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative at the number below to expedite prosecution.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Reply is respectfully requested.

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